

WO-106  
Jenkins House  
Snow Hill  
private

c. 1840

Standing on town lot No. 25, the Ann Jenkins house is estimated to date to the 1840s. The bold gable-front elevation and transverse hall plan were common features for houses erected during the second quarter of the nineteenth century on the lower Eastern Shore, and the late Federal style woodwork reflects some Greek Revival influence. Distinguishing the pedimented front elevation is a fluted column portico that shelters the elaborate front entrance with its diamond shaped muntin transom and sidelights. A jib door filling the center bay on the second floor allowed access onto the upper porch. Within the transverse hall an open, decorated stair rises to the third floor. Especially noteworthy in this well-built dwelling are the built-in cupboards and the unusual paneled hearth walls in the service wing. Built with superior materials and finished with finely crafted woodwork, this house stands out as one of the most distinctive Federal style dwellings in Snow Hill.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Ann Jenkins House

MHT Inventory Number: WO-106

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

- 2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815 - 1870 Agricultural-Industrial  
Transition

- 4) Resource Type(s):

1. Standing Structure

a. Dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-106

Magi No. 2401065404

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ANN JENKINS HOUSE,

and/or common KING'S NECESSITY

## 2. Location

street & number 106 East Market Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. N. Paul Joyner

street & number 106 East Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 780

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 511

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1969 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ann Jenkins house, also known currently as King's Necessity, is a two-story, three-bay frame house that stands at 106 East Market Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The house faces north with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1840, the transverse hall dwelling is supported by an excavated common bond brick foundation, and it is sheathed by a combination of plain and a few beaded weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the west side of the main block is a shorter two-story service wing that is contemporary with the main block. Standing behind the house is a bi-level frame carriage house and a single-story outbuilding that was formerly a combination privy and smoke house.

The northwest (principal) elevation of the main block is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows with louvered shutters. The eight-panel design of the front door features early nineteenth-century style edge moldings that frame each panel. Surrounding the entrance is a delicate diamond-pane transom and a pair of sidelights, and framing the windows is a widely fluted surround with Greek key styled corner blocks. The entire entrance is sheltered by a single-story, fluted column portico covered by a flat roof. Piercing the second floor are three six-over-six sash windows each hung with louvered shutters. The center window is defined by a paneled jib door that formerly opened to the flat roof porch. Fixed within the gable-front pediment is a pair of smaller six-over-six sash windows also fitted with louvered shutters. Three-pane windows pierce the foundation wall and light the excavated cellar.

The northeast side of the house is marked by three six-over-six sash windows that light the first and second floor, and the cornice is boxed. The southeast (rear) elevation, on the other hand, is an asymmetrical facade with three six-over-six sash windows lighting the first floor and two six-over-six sash illuminating the second floor. The eave is finished with a plain bargeboard, and rising through the gable end is an interior brick stack.

Covering most of the southwest side of the main house is a shorter two-story, three-bay frame wing that is underpinned by an excavated brick cellar as well. The northwest (front) elevation is defined by a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The paneled door is topped by a four-light transom, and is framed by a plain corner block surround. Rectangular foundation windows light the cellar. Attached to the southwest end of the kitchen wing is a single-story screened-in porch. An interior brick stack protrudes through the gable end.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Jenkins house is one of the most distinctive and well preserved of the early nineteenth-century dwellings that stand in Snow Hill. The gable-front frame house, built around 1840, boasts an intact exterior and interior with unusual examples of late Federal style finishes. The pedimented north elevation survives with a fluted column portico, and the eight-panel front door is highlighted by elaborate diamond-shaped muntin transom and sidelights. The shorter two-story service wing is contemporary with the main house and finished inside with atypical paneled hearth walls and partitions. The numerous built-in cupboards and closets found throughout the house are unusual for the period. Standing behind the house is one of a few frame carriage houses that has survived in Worcester County. The combination smoke house and privy structure has been extensively reworked inside but retains its basic exterior appearance.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Worcester County date July 25, 1988

street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 301-632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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## JENKINS HOUSE description (continued)

The interior of the Jenkins house has not been significantly changed since the early nineteenth century, and ninety percent of the woodwork remains in place. The first floor of the main block follows a transverse hall plan with two rooms to the south. Fixed in the northwest corner of the hall is half-turn stair with landings. A slender turned newel post and rectangular balusters, two to each tread, support a circular-profile handrail that ramps before each landing post. The stair rises in front of the northwest windows on both floors. The stringer is embellished with a scroll decoration, and the triangular area below the stringer is plastered. Providing access to the stair closet is a four-panel door. The front door retains a large Carpenter lock. Opening into the adjacent rooms are raised six-panel doors framed by fluted surrounds with bulls-eye corner blocks. The two large first floor rooms are separated by large eight-panel double doors framed by a bulls-eye block surround. Fixed against the projecting chimney breast is a late Federal style mantel with half-round columns supporting a plain frieze and a thin molded shelf. Early nineteenth-century fluted chair rail stretches around the room as does period baseboard. Fixed below each window is a raised-panel apron. Peculiar to the southeast room are bookshelves in the niche west of the chimney breast. The southwest room, now used as a dining room, is finished in a similar fashion.

The second floor is well preserved with period woodwork in each room. The northeast corner of the upstairs hall is partitioned for a small bedroom with a six-panel door framed by a bulls-eye block surround. The two large bedrooms south of the hall are finished in the same fashion with late Federal style woodwork. In the southeast bedroom a similar mantel as those downstairs frames the hearth and is flanked on the west by a closet with a six-panel door framed with a bulls-eye block surround. The fluted window surrounds run to the stepped baseboard molding.


Allowing passage between the two main bedrooms is a six-panel door framed by a bulls-eye block surround. The southwest bedroom is fitted with an identical mantel set against a paneled hearth wall. Around the west side of the paneled chimney breast is a four-panel door closet topped by a two-panel door closet. Fitted into the west wall of the bedroom is another, very unusual two-panel door cupboard framed by a bulls-eye block surround. Peculiar to this cupboard is the hinged shelving which swings back out of the way when access is needed to the service wing attic behind it.

The adjacent service wing is divided by partitions with a side stair hall and kitchen on the first floor. An enclosed back stair provides access to the second floor as well as the excavated cellar. A small bathroom hidden behind louvered doors is entered from the hall. The kitchen has been reworked with the installation of modern cupboards and appliances, but the hearth wall with its late Federal style mantel and woodwork remains intact. Likewise, within the second floor bedroom the woodwork has been well preserved. A grid pattern of rectangular and arched panels surround the late Federal style mantel and three built-in cupboards. The two cupboards above the mantel have single paneled doors. Framing the entire chimney wall is a

fluted surround with plain corner blocks. Paneled cupboards are also fitted into the sides of the chimney breast. Also distinguishing this room is a paneled partition which separates the bedroom from the upstairs hall. Centered in the wall is a glazed double door, and to the south is an entrance into a bathroom. The balance of the room is finished with similar woodwork as the rest of the house.

Standing in the backyard is a bi-level frame carriage house with two garage bays. Sheathed with weatherboard siding, the mid nineteenth-century circular sawn frame is covered with a corrugated tin roof. There is a board door that opens into the loft from the east end. Attached to the north side of the carriage house is a shed-roofed extension fitted with louvered shutters and board-and-batten doors. North of the carriage house is a single-story, wood shingled smoke house and privy that has been converted to a display room for a tool collection.

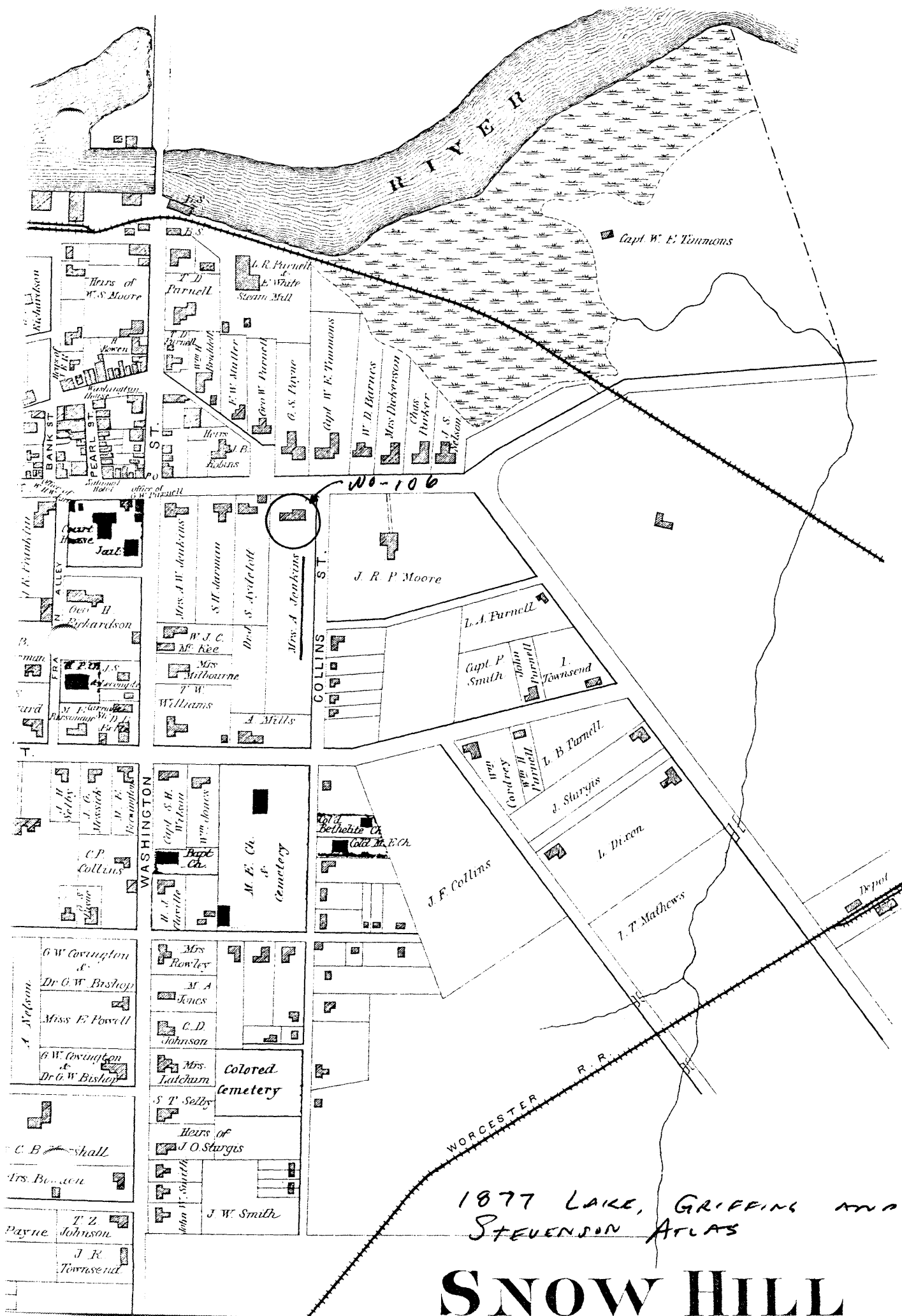


1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Worcester</u> TOWN <u>Snow Hill</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>106 E. Market St.</u>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>David Johnson</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>WO-106</u>  2. NAME <u>106 E. Market St., Snow Hill</u>  DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1840</u> STYLE <u>Federal</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>No</u></span>  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>106 East Market Street is a two-story frame late Federal house, three bays wide and three bays deep, with a three-bay-long, two-story wing.</p> <p>Above the central door is a large rectangular transom and a classical flat roof doric portico. The entrance also has sidelights and molded trim and corner blocks. All windows have six over six sash and louvered shutters. There is a pediment on the facade with two small windows like the others. The cornice has no ornamentation. To the center rear of the "A" roof building is a large chimney painted white, like the rest of the building.</p> <p>(continued on reverse side)</p> </div>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered <u>No</u> Interior    Exterior <u>good</u>	
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8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <u>Michael B. Surme</u> <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u>  DATE OF RECORD <u>Nov, 1969</u>

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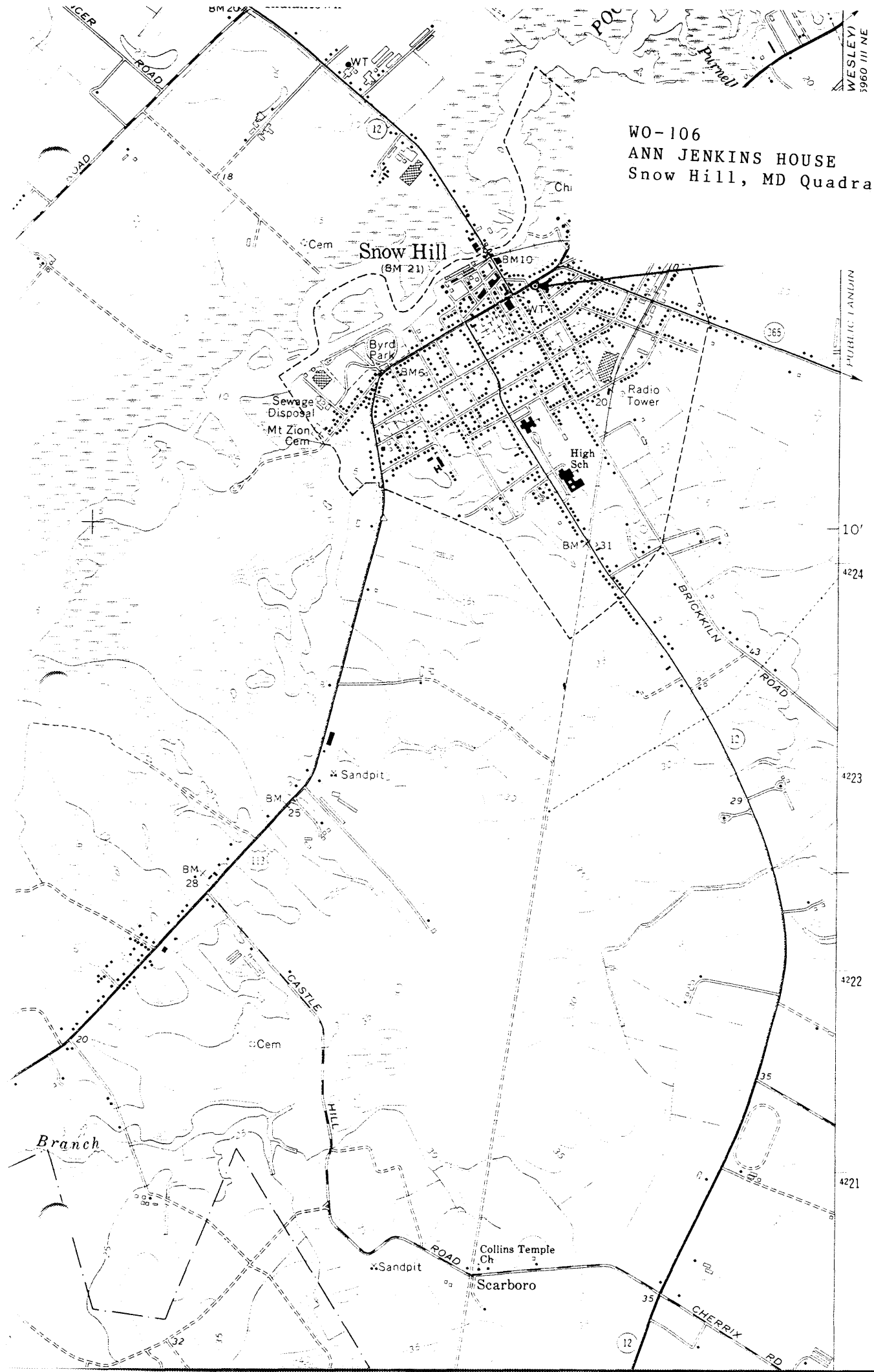
The wing is less deep and has a roof at right angles to the rest of the house. It has a chimney on its gable end. Also there is a leanto screened porch on its gable. It stands on a brick basement which has been coated with white wash.

The grounds are very well kept, as is the house.



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ANN JENKINS HOUSE  
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966





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Ann Jenkins House

(King's necessity)

106 E. Market Street, Shaw Hill

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